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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of: **HATORI, Nobuaki**

Group Art Unit: **2829**

Serial No.: **10/644,853**

Examiner: **GEYER, Scott B.**

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For: **METHOD OF MANUFACTURING A SEMICONDUCTOR LASER**

RESPONSE TO ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENT
DATED SEPTEMBER 9, 2004

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Date: September 21, 2004

Sir:

In response to the Requirement for an Election of Species Requirement dated **September 9, 2004**, the applicant provisionally elects to prosecute the species embodying Species I (embodiment 1, Figs. 3A-3J). Applicant believes that Claims 1-14 correspond to said Species I.

The applicant respectfully requests an early examination on the elected claims 1-14 and favorable action on the merits. If the Examiner has any questions with this Response, please feel free to call the undersigned at the indicated telephone number.

In the event that this paper is not timely filed, applicant hereby petitions for an appropriate extension of time. The fee for any such extension may be charged to our Deposit Account No. 01-2340.

In the event any additional fees are required in connection with this response, please charge our Deposit Account No. 01-2340.

Respectfully submitted,

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